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MONTANA DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Within the next few weeks, your District Coordinator will be working with each of you on your FY 78 Program Paper.

Each one of us has had a trust granted to us by our elected officials to plan and administer the best possible overall disaster and emergency preparedness program for our respective jurisdictions. Your Program Paper should be the basis for that goal.

Now then is the time to reevaluate our preparedness posture. Identify your threats and vulnerabilities. Inventory your present capabilities, identify your short comings and thus establish your short range and long range goals.

By state law, we have always had the responsibility to prepare for and respond to all disasters regardless of cause. Our new National Director of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency now also realizes that the base for any preparedness program must start at the local level and build.

Your program is the planning and response base which will save lives, reduce suffering and mitigate damage.

We all realize each county is different. Different in needs. Different in capabilities. Your program paper is for YOUR county and what YOUR county needs to do to upgrade its preparedness posture. You know your deficiencies, you know the assets available to correct those deficiencies and you know in which areas we can assist.

Working together, let's reach our common goal of an effective, overall preparedness program for all citizens of our great state.

ON THE LOCAL SCENE

BIG HORN COUNTY

Changes in Montana's law outlining certification of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and the acts of care they are entitled to perform is being supported by the Big Horn County Civil Defense under the direction of Norm Parrent, Director.

While the 81-hour Basic EMT Course is basically the same, the difference lies in those who take the class. Enrollment is restricted to persons 18 years or older who have proof that they are or intend to become primary responders.

Primary responders are people like the ambulance crew, the rescue squad, law enforcement officials, fire department, civil defense, and other emergency service personnel necessary to the community.

For the general public, or those other than the primary responders, there will be courses in CPR (Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) and advanced First Aid.

A local board must now be set up to regulate EMTs at the area level which consists of a doctor, a registered nurse, an EMT-at-large and a course coordinator. In the Big Horn County area, Norm Parrent, CD Director acts as the "course coordinator".

Services such as those provided by the firemen of TV's "EMERGENCY" is becoming more of a reality for the Big Horn County area as the local committee proceeds with setting up their EMT classes and system for maintenance of certifications in accordance with the new Law.

MUSSELSHELL COUNTY

Knowing that there would always be medical emergencies whether a doctor was in residence or not, the citizens of the town of Roundup and Musselshell County realized that this condition demanded a first-rate ambulance system manned by trained personnel.

With the backing of the County Commissioners, they now have an ambulance service manned by 63 EMTs who received and now maintain their certifications by traveling to Billings mostly at their own expense and on their own time. The service is entirely volunteer and all of these people have other regular jobs which they must leave when an emergency occurs. 35 EMTs are on regular ambulance call and the rest are on standby in case of emergency.

Out of a total county population of around 3750, the distinction of having 63 qualified EMTs certainly demonstrates what concerned citizens can and do accomplish in our rural areas.

As a complement to this endeavor, the Musselshell County Civil Defense under the direction of Jim Ross, Director, has initiated a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation course (CPR) for all students in the seventh through the twelfth grades.

USCDC

With Eight Counties represented at the recent Region Six USCDC Conference held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on June 13th - 15th, 1977, Montana had the distinction of having the "best representation" of any of the Region Six States.

Reports indicated that it was an "excellent meeting". Presentations were made by the Canadian Emergency Measures Organization, giving those in attendance the opportunity to make comparisons between the Canadian civil defense measures and ours.

The following Montana civil defense organizations were represented:

Lloyd Heberle, Director.....Broadwater County Civil Defense
Frank Frankovich, Director.....Judith Basin County Civil Defense
William McKnight, Director.....Lewis & Clark County Civil Defense
Art Woods, Commissioner.....Lewis & Clark County
Michael Fleming, Director.....Park County Civil Defense
Vern Wiens, Director.....Roosevelt County Civil Defense
Terry Mercer, Director.....Valley County Civil Defense
Edward Wosepka, Director.....Wibaux County Civil Defense
James L. Kraft, Director.....Yellowstone County Civil Defense

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The next Regional USCDC Conference is scheduled for June 19 - 21, 1978 at the Yellowstone Motor Inn in Livingston, Montana.

"MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND"

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WELCOME ABOARD

New Director.....Richard "Rick" Leavell.....Missoula County CD

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Although much has been made of the Soviet's Civil Defense Preparedness, the following article demonstrates that they do have shortcomings and their system is not all that it is cranked up to be.

SOURCE: Soviet Press Selected Translations, U.S. Air Force

It seems that the Soviets are having problems with indifference in maintaining civil defense shelters. The August 1976 issue of "Military Knowledge" warned the Soviet people to properly maintain the shelters or suffer the consequences. The Soviets conducted a surprise inspection of the shelters in Murmansk, a northern coastal city near Finland. The inspection revealed water leaks and inoperative ventilation systems. Additionally, those shelters which were leased by city organizations as warehouses were filled with trash and not maintained in operational readiness. These problem shelters in Murmansk were reported to the Soviet Civil Defense staff for corrections.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Yellowstone County's auction of civil defense crackers netted the county about $1,500.00 according to James L. Kraft, Civil Defense Director. About a dozen buyers were interested and the highest price paid per case was 35¢, with the lowest going for 20¢. Crackers were sold in 50 case lots. It took about 15 minutes to auction all 2400 cases located at the Fairgrounds. Since the buyers wanted more crackers, Kraft sold the remaining 4300 cases located in civil defense shelters throughout the county for 20¢ a case with the buyer agreeing to load them himself. Most buyers indicated they would grind up the crackers and use it as hog feed. Feeling that the auction was successful, Kraft said, "At least someone will get some use out of them and the county is $1,500.00 richer. That's better than hauling them to the dump". The proceeds were deposited into the county general fund.

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Yellowstone County Civil Defense, in cooperation with a local radio station, KOYN, advertized a free disaster kit to the public. The disaster kit consisted of Civil Defense pamphlets and booklets such as: "What to Do in a Disaster"; "When Disaster Strikes"; "Your Family Survival Plan"; "Wilderness Travel"; and others. A cover letter was sent with each kit telling the people some general facts about Yellowstone County Civil Defense. A total of 771 kits were mailed for a cost of approximately $300.00. This is a good way to inform the public about disaster preparedness and something similar could be considered by other civil defense organizations.

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The MUZAK Company in Billings sells music over telephone lines to approximately 160 businesses including super markets, shopping malls and office buildings. Yellowstone County Civil Defense is using these same telephone lines to provide indoor warning to these same super markets, shopping malls and office buildings. An amplifier and microphone were installed at the Billings Police Dept. (Primary Warning Point for the County) to tie into the MUZAK system. During times of impending disaster, the police department will be able to give emergency messages to these 160 businesses via the MUZAK telephone lines. The emergency message automatically over-rides the music signal.

Total cost for equipment installation came to $200.00. This is an excellent method of providing indoor warning to the public at large. Jim Kraft, CD Director hopes to install speakers in the Billings City Hall and the County Courthouse next year to also provide warning to city and county government.

MUZAK also has franchises in Helena and Great Falls and Jim will be happy to answer questions on his system if these areas are interested.

WIBAUX COUNTY

Edward Wosepka, Wibaux County Civil Defense Director, was recently sworn in as Commander of the "Harley Salzman American Legion Post No. 5" of Beach. Congratulations, Ed...

GOVERNOR DECLARES ENERGY ALERT

Governor Judge has declared an Energy Alert for those counties serviced by the Northwest Power Pool. This involves all counties served by Montana Power Co., Pacific Power and Light Co. and other smaller electric companies and cooperatives.

This Energy Alert mandates an overall 10% reduction in energy usages for all counties and cities in the affected area and a serious plea for a voluntary cutback by business and individuals.

If the alert does not result in the necessary reduction in usage to insure adequate reservoir storage for fall and winter generation, mandatory reductions for all usages could result this fall.

Some suggestions which local directors should be concerned with at this time are as follows:

1. Review your energy usage and institute whatever reductions you can.

2. Make suggestions to your local officials on any other areas of energy reduction. (They are probably looking for suggestions.)

3. Review your emergency plans to insure all is in readiness if mandatory curtailment is invoked (ie: emergency power for emergency services, etc.).

4. Review mutual aid and emergency plans for fire suppression. (Drought makes forest and rangeland fires highly probable.)

5. Be knowledgeable of Federal drought related assistance programs.(All counties have been declared as Emergency Drought Impact Areas which makes all new Federal programs available. Your ASCS, Farm Home Administration and Extention offices should be able to advise you on their programs. Small Business Administration and the Economic Development Administration also have programs. Our office will assist you in your inquiries.)

6. Anticipate problems! Be knowledgeable in the municipal water systems and sewage treatment plants in your county and probable solutions if needed.

NATURAL DISASTER PLANNING

Montana's Natural Disaster Planning Staff will host the quarterly meeting for the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration, Region 8. Planners from North and South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and Regional FDAA Staff will attend the conference scheduled for August 1 - 4, 1977, at the Colonial Hilton in Helena.

The main purpose of the conference will be to devise a means to test and evaluate the disaster preparedness plans being developed in these States. Since our grant started later than most of the other States, we anticipate that the Montana Plan will benefit from their experience.

John J. Womack, Montana's Adjutant General (on the left) and C.L. Gilbertson, Administrator, watch as Governor Thomas L. Judge signs into law the "Montana Disaster Act of 1977".

At the State level, this Act more clearly defines our Division's responsibility; more clearly defines the Governor's emergency powers; and allows the State to participate in and react to Federal disaster legislation, in addition to other changes. It also changes our name from the "Civil Defense Division" to the "Disaster & Emergency Services Division" (DES).

We still do not have any guidance to offer as to whether or not a new county resolution pertaining to local disaster and emergency services is required that coincide with this new Law. Information will be forwarded as soon as the legal opinion is received.

In the meantime, if you have officially changed the name of your organization from "civil defense" to "disaster & emergency services", please let us know so that changes can be made to our records.

EMERGENCY SITUATION !!

It began Monday, June 27, 1977, at 1:35 p.m., when a Bonneville Power truck drove into the path of an oncoming freight train near Franchtown, Montana (about 14½ miles from Missoula). The results were eighteen cars derailed; one contained 50 tons of naptha, a flammable petroleum distillate; another tanker contained 55 tons of toxic chemical chlorine; and a third contained 100 tons of hydrochloric acid. Fortunately, none of these three tanks ruptured and the episode ended forty-eight hours later.

However, during this critical time span, twenty-five agencies from Local, State and Federal Governments; plus railroad officials, firemen, meterologists, and explosives-and-hazardous-substance expert and a trouble-shooter for the chlorine industry, figured out the safest way to deal with the chemicals inside the over-turned tanker cars - chemicals that endangered residents in the little community west of Missoula.

Someone had to coordinate this effort. If this were to happen in your County, would your emergency plans tell you what to do? As the manufacturing, transport and use of hazardous material increases, so do the chances for accidents. Your local emergency plan should cover who does what, when and where in response to transportation accidents. Keep in mind that Civil Defense is a "coordinating" agency only.

We are all planning on going on vacation sometime this summer. Unfortunately, incidents such as the Missoula train wreck, natural disasters, etc., don't take vacations. Therefore, it is most important that you keep your local officials and your District Coordinator informed as to when you will be gone and who is assigned to take your place.

STATE OFFICE PERSONNEL CHANGES

Resignations:

Susan Todd -Secretary -Natural Disaster Response Plan.....effective 5/27/77
Lloyd Meyer - Asst. Planner - Natural Disaster Response Plan.effective 6/3/77
Bob Smith - Chief Planner - Nuclear Civil Protection Plan....effective 6/30/77

New Employees:

Dave Fox - District 2 Coordinator.....effective 4/7/77
Dan Lieberg - Asst. Planner - Nuclear Civil Protection Plan..effective 4/14/77
Linda Eicher - Secretary - Natural Disaster Response Plan....effective 5/31/77
Gerald Watne - Asst. Planner - Nat'l Disaster Response Plan..effective 6/13/77

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FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DCPA

The lowest actual appropriation for DCPA was $31.8 million for a partial year, 1951. In 1972 dollars, it was worth $71.8 million in purchasing power.

Total FY77 appropriation including supplements was $87.4 million. In 1972 dollars, its purchasing power was worth $63.2 million. 12% less than the partial year 1951 funding.

FY78 Senate authorization for DCPA funding is $95.5 million - $63.3 million by 1972 constant dollars.

I think there is a "message" here someplace...

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE HANDBOOK

All local directors should have in their possession a copy of the Federal Assistance Handbook (better known as CPG 1-3), which is the financial aid portion of DCPA's new civil preparedness guides, along with a copy of Change 1.

Please contact the State Office if you have not received your copy.

There are many changes and new interpretations of DCPA's funding regulations of which you should become aware. Following is a clarification of one section in the CPG 1-3 regarding eligibility of radio communications support equipment (REFER CPG 1-3; Paragraph 3.34):

> Austere day-to-day dispatch consoles and remote desk top consoles, to be located in an EOC, for emergency services operations, are considered eligible for matching funds if:
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> a. The base station radio has emergency power and 14 days connected fuel supply.
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> b. The emergency service has a civil defense function covered by an approved Emergency Operations Plan.
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> c. The operating position is located in an EOC having a PF 40 or greater, emergency power and connected 14 days fuel supply.
>
> d. Remote desk top consoles are not duplicating another position within the EOC.
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> Supervisory consoles are not considered eligible.
>
> Additionally, an emergency standby antenna on one of the primary direction and control radio systems located at an EOC are considered eligible.

This change will be published in the next change to CPG 1-3.

RADEF NEWS

Roy Ryan and Jim Brown, Calibration Technicians for the State DES Office are assembling lists of monitors (meter-readers) assigned to State primary stations.

If you have not assigned your monitors, which include any and all persons trained by Roy Ryan, Smokey Lyons, Jim Brown, Glenn Black, Jack Bacon or yourself within the last two years, please do so at once and have your list ready for Roy and Jim when they visit your area.

EXCESS PROPERTY PROGRAM

Montana started participating in the Federal Excess Property Program in the spring of 1971 and has now received over 650 separate items on loan to help us increase our operational readiness.

The first five year loan agreements are expiring and per Federal regulations the State DES Office is processing "three-year renewal agreements". We would certainly appreciate your promptness in completing the necessary paperwork, because it's a "paperwork jungle" that keeps growing if not done in a timely manner.

Also, now is the time to determine if that property is still useable and necessary for your needs. If not, let your Coordinator know and let's transfer it to some other local organization who may have a greater need. At last count we had 290 applications on file requesting equipment just like the ones for which you may no longer have a need. With the decline in available equipment from the property disposal yards, there is no way that we are going to be able to fill all of the requests on file unless we start reallocating ones already within the State.

RECAP OF EXCESS PROPERTY ALLOCATIONS (April, May & June 1977):

Liberty County.....2500 Gallon tank trailer
Beaverhead County.....2½ ton truck
Blaine County.....2½ ton truck
Lewis & Clark County.....Step Van
Yellowstone County.....Snow plow.....Transferred
Yellowstone County.....Aerial Truck, ladder
Yellowstone County.....Step Van
Flathead County.....3/4 ton 4x4 pickup
Daniels County.....2½ ton truck
Valley County.....2½ ton truck
Big Horn County.....2½ ton truck
Sanders County.....Ambulance.....Transferred
Park County.....5 ton 4x2 truck
Sanders County.....Ambulance.....Transferred
Roosevelt County.....2½ ton truck
Silver Bow County.....3/4 ton 4x4 truck
Lake County.....Two 3/4 ton 4x4 trucks
Sanders County.....3/4 ton 4x4 truck
Garfield County.....1¼ ton truck
Beaverhead County.....1¼ ton trucks (2)
Dawson County.....1¼ ton truck
Yellowstone County.....jeeps (2)
Beaverhead County.....3/4 ton 4x4 pickup
Yellowstone County.....1¼ ton 4x4 truck
Silver Bow County.....3/4 ton 4x4 trucks(2)
Deer Lodge County.....1¼ ton 4x4 truck
Missoula County.....3/4 ton 4x4 trucks (7)
Cascade County.....1¼ ton 4x4 trucks (2)
Yellowstone County.....¼ ton trailers (3)
Sweet Grass County.....¼ ton trailer
Park County.....¼ ton trailers (2)
Powell County.....¼ ton trailers (2)
Lewis & Clark County.....¼ ton trailer

C.D. DISPLAY CASES

Does your civil defense display case exhibit up to date emergency public information or is it a substitute for the public garbage can in your courthouse hallway?

Publications dealing with emergency preparedness planning come from an extremely wide variety of sources. The following is a list of some of the possible sources:

1. Defense Civil Preparedness Agency Publications Catalog (MP-20). All local directors should have a copy of this publication. Orders are placed through the State DES Office.

2. Disaster Research Center Publications List. Available from: The Ohio State University, 127-129 West Tenth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201.

3. National Weather Service. Has prepared a variety of pamphlets, brochures, posters, etc., on a wide range of hazards (tornadoes, lightning, winter storms, etc.). Most are available through the U.S. Government Printing Office for a small fee. For specific information, contact the Weather Service Office for your area.

4. Energy Research and Development Administration. Technical Information Center, P.O. Box 62, Oak Ridge, TN 37830. Many pamphlets available on such topics as handling of radiation accidents and patients, transportation of radioactive materials and wastes, (specific guidelines for sheriffs, hospital administrators, police, etc.).

5. Department of Transportation. Federal Aviation Administration, Washington, D.C. 20591. Has available "Emergency Plan" (for airports).

Other sources of disaster literature include agencies such as the American Red Cross, the American Hospital Association, your County Cooperative Extension Program, and the National Institute of Mental Health.

The State DES Office has "cases" of the following publications on hand in Helena. Let us know if you can use any:

H-13....."In Time of Emergency" (both English & Spanish version)

TM 73-1..."Suggested Technical Requirements for Mobile-Home Tie-down Ordinances"

SURPLUS PROPERTY

After 27 years of service to the State; during which time he distributed nearly $34 million in Surplus Federal Property to schools, hospitals and Civil Defense Organizations; William J. Ernst retired on July 1st as supervisor of the Montana Surplus Property Division of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Also effective July 1st, the responsibility for management of the State's Surplus Property Program was transferred from the Department of Public Instruction to the Department of Administration.

Morgan Langan has been hired as Chief of the Surplus Property Bureau. We welcome Morgan to the Civil Defense fold and look forward to working with him.

STAFF COLLEGE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

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OCT 17-20	Industry/Business Emergency Planning
OCT 31-NOV 11	*Civil Preparedness Career Development Program - Phase I
NOV 14-18	Graduate Seminar
NOV 28-DEC 9	Civil Preparedness Career Development Program - Phase III

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JAN 9-13	*Basic Radiological Defense Officer
JAN 16-19	*Radiological Defense Instructor Workshop
FEB 6-17	Civil Preparedness Career Development Program - Phase III
MAR 13-17	*Advanced Radiological Defense Officer
MAR 20-23	Industry/Business Emergency Planning
APR 3-14	Civil Preparedness Career Development Program - Phase III
APR 17-28	*Civil Preparedness Career Development Program - Phase II
MAY 15-26	Civil Preparedness Career Development Program - Phase IV
JUN 5-16	Civil Preparedness Career Development Program - Phase III
JUL 24-27	Industry/Business Emergency Planning
AUG 14-25	Civil Preparedness Career Development Program - Phase III
SEP 28-29	Civil Preparedness Career Development Program - Phase IV

*Enrollment lists to be submitted by Regional Chief's of ETI, with a quota of four students per course.

EXCESS PROPERTY (continued)

Teton County.....¼ ton trailers (3)
Deer Lodge County.....¼ ton trailer
Park County County.....2½ ton truck.....transferred

NOTE: This is quite an impressive listing of property that has been allocated during this three month period. This is mainly made up of property being transferred under a program called "Project Wheels". The property comes in spurts and is located in places such as: Omaha, Nebraska; Fort Riley, Kansas; and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, which is a long way to go and we realize that all locals cannot afford the transportation expense. But we have to take the property where we can find it and allocate it to whomever can pay the price!!

UPDATED LIST OF SUPPLIERS FOR EXCESS & SURPLUS PARTS

Surplus City
11796 Sheldon Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352
(213) 767-3666

NAPCO Industries, Inc.
1600 - 2nd St. South
Hopkins, MN 55343
Parts & Parts Manuals for
P&H Diesel Generators

Boyce Equipment & Parts Co.
1090 N. Redwood Road
N. Salt Lake City, UT 84054
(801) 292-3571 or 3573
For Transmissions

Hafer's Inc.
Army Truck Parts
1563 S. 2nd West
Salt Lake City, Utah
(801) 487-6474
Ask for Military Truck Dept.

Whitenberg Automotive Co.
27454 Pacific Hwy South
P.O. Box 3188
Midway, WN 98031
(206) 839-6500

Ben's Truck Parts
2622 South Tacoma Way
Tacoma, WA

Warner Robinson AFB, Georgia
for parts on Sicard Snow Plows

Highland Auto & Truck Supply
1536 N. Indiana St.
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Stock all parts for various military vehicles

Irving Miller & Company
8141 Monticello Ave.
Skokie, Ill 60076
(312) 677-9803
Service & parts for all military vehicles

Salvages Sales (very good)
11602 Pacific Highway West
Tacoma, WN 98499
(206) 584-1234
Carry all military parts plus fiberglass tops at reasonable prices for all military trucks. Ask for Barry McKeever.

Triangle Truck
1519 Trent Ave.
J.R. Bennette
Spokane, WA 99220

Western Transmissions (good)
1410 North Sky Line
Idaho Falls, ID
(208) 853-1717
Rebuilt transmissions for 6x6's

NEW COMMISSIONER'S ORIENTATION SEMINAR

Twenty-two of the fifty-six new county commissioners who took office May 2, 1977, attended the one-day seminar in Helena on June 1st which was co-sponsored by the State Disaster & Emergency Services Division and the Montana Association of Counties (MACO).

Items covered during the civil defense portion included:

Montana Hazard Vulnerability
Disaster Response at the Local Level
Responsibilities of Local Government
Responsibilities of State/Federal Government

During a slide presentation by Jim Anderson from our Natural Disaster Planning Staff on Montana's "vulnerability" to natural disasters, the statement was made that recent history showed that no Montana city or town had ever been struck by a tornado even though Montana was "vulnerable".

Famous last words...that very afternoon, the city of Cut Bank in Glacier County was struck by a tornado which inflicted extensive damage, but occured without injury to persons.

The morning civil defense portion concluded with Guest Speaker, Lt. Governor Ted Schwinden discussing Montana's drought problems.

ADVANCED SEMINAR FOR LOCAL DIRECTORS

The fall session of our Advanced Seminar for Local Directors will be held October 14, 15, & 16, 1977 at a location yet to be determined. Subjects to be covered include:

Emergency Public Information
Working with the News Media
EOC Operations
EOC Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs)

The following is a preview of coming attractions:

1978 -	Spring Session:	Damage Estimation & Assessment Warning and communication
	Fall Session:	Working with volunteers (Red Cross) Disaster Operations
1979 -	Spring Session:	Civil Defense Exercise Writing and Updating of Disaster Plans and Resource Inventory
	Fall Session:	Working with Industry Working with Fire and Law Enforcement